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E. T. & W. N. C. RAILWAY COMPLETED TO BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

(From The Johnson City Staff.)

One of the most important achievements accomplished in the past twelve months is the completion of the extension to the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad that places Boone, Watauga County, N. C., prominently on the map and opens up a territory of virgin timber, taps the richest mountain farm lands and gives an outlet to the trade of that section.

Regun nearly a year ago at Shulls Mills the eight and one-half miles of railway were laid in nine months, and this in the face of war conditions, high prices of material and the scarcity of labor, a noteworthy achievement in railway construction which reflects the greatest credit upon the enterprise and resources of those identified with the growth and success of the E. T. & W. N. C. Railroad.

It was a race between the Virginia-Carolina and East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad as to which should first reach Boone and the rich but undeveloped country contiguous. War conditions put the V & C out of the running, but the E. T. went forward undaunted, so that today the people of the thriving little town of Boone have a railway outlet for their products, and Johnson City is the beneficiary of a promising business relation hitherto denied.

Boone itself is a village of some eight or nine hundred population, the county seat of Watauga county, 3,332 feet above sea level. The nearest railway point was some thirty or forty miles distant and was reached by highway. In spite of the railway handicap the pace boasts of a wealthy citizenship who own fine homes, for the land around Boone is known as the richest in the Carolina country and yields enormously. Even before the railroad entered their town the price per acre was \$200.00. At this time real estate values have increased prodigiously. The sleekest and fattest cattle are raised in this country where succulent blue grass grows rank, and the many streams provide unlimited acres of "bottom land" farms, while potatoes, cabbage and the hardy grains furnish bountiful crops.

But the chief product of the country and the richest are the virgin timber boundaries, and it was to secure this unlimited wealth in tonnage the East Tenn. & Western North Carolina Railroad was built. The whitig lumber interests own something like 7,200 acres of land in three different tracts, upon which it is estimated there are 200,000,000 feet of timber, the finest oak, poplar, hemlock and all the different varieties of merchantable woods now in such demand. In Avery county, through which the railroad runs to reach Watauga county, the Linville Improvement Co. owns some 16,000 or 17,000 acres of land. They also have available at present over 200,000,000 feet of lumber which is untouched.

The narrow gauge within eight years has doubled its mileage by taking over the Linville River Railway, the line that extended from Cranberry to Pinola, and by the construction of the line from a point near Montezuma to Shulls Mills; thence to Boone, eight and one-half miles, in the past year. At present the total mileage is 68.

From a scenic standpoint the traveler going to Boone will pass through a mountainous region the view of which is unsurpassed

Save all Leaves and Ashes.

(The Progressive Farmer.)

One source of plant food that many folks fail to make use of is in the form of leaves that fall from the trees and are often burned. These contain considerable quantities of plant food and if raked up in piles, covered with layers of rich earth and kept moist during the fall and winter the result will be an excellent pile of manure for next spring's crop. Many vegetables need considerable potash, and inasmuch as this is rather high priced and difficult to secure in the form of commercial fertilizer, one should save every bit that can be obtained from the refuse about the farm. These rotted leaves contain considerable potash. Wood ashes, especially those from oak and hickory, are quite rich in potash, and these should be most carefully conserved. Store them in such a way that they will not become wet, as if this is allowed, a large proportion of the plant food will be lost by leaching.

CURE FOR DYSINTERY.

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysintery, and had been given up by her family physician. Some of the neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

by any railway east of the Rockies. At Linville Gap the height above sea level is exactly 4,041, the average height of some of the mountain peaks in the Appalachian range. It is near Linville that the Little Doe, Linville and Watauga rivers head. Shulls Mills is 2,000 feet above sea level. To reach Boone on the railway one ascends over a thousand feet to the highest point. The road from Montezuma winds around the celebrated Grandfather mountain peak, and follows the beds of swift flowing mountain stream. Different from the view from most railway coach windows the traveler on the E. T. train is afforded magnificent panoramic views of the mountains; he looks out and down upon the jagged escarpment, the serrated breast of mountains, jagged chasms, and the glittering streams winding at his feet. Instead of going through gorges with their masses of frowning stones dripping water, fern covered and walled in, he is thrilled with the most magnificent view ever afforded from a railway coach. At Linville Gap the railroad is the highest above sea level of any other east of Colorado.

As stated at the outset, Johnson City above all other cities will be the greatest benefitted from this improvement, notwithstanding all other towns along the E. T. & W. N. C. will share in the newly opened wealth. Every stick of timber will move to and thru Johnson City, and the mineral wealth to be developed will later come to this city. The possibilities and promise of the riches offered are limitless, and it is expected that the business men of this section will avail themselves of the opportunity of affecting a close commercial relationship with our new neighbors of the mountain region.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle Flays Dancing.

The Washington, N. C., Daily news of Jan. 13th, says:

In the presence of what was probably the largest congregation ever assembled in the Methodist church, Rev. D. H. Tuttle last night delivered a sermon on the evils of dancing which held the closest attention of his audience from start to finish and which was one of the best sermons of its kind that ever has been delivered in Washington. So large was the congregation that extra chairs in the aisles had to be provided for the late arrivals.

Mr. Tuttle began his sermon by showing to the congregation some photographs illustrating the latest dances.

"Look at them," he invited. "At first glance you would suppose that there was only one person represented on this sheet. Look close, however, and you will see two heads and four feet. That proves that there are really two persons there. That is the kind of dancing which some of our church members are trying to unite with their religion.

"Such contact of the sexes in public is a positive disgrace. Any person who can indulge in that kind of dancing and not give birth to evil thoughts isn't a man; she isn't a woman. If dancing hadn't gone past the old square dance I probably would not raise my head against it today. But the modern dance demands criticism and invites denunciation. This town, Washington, or Beaufort county, or North Carolina, or the United States or the world has no place for the dancing master or the dancing mistress. They are engaged in an utterly useless purpose.

"Primarily, in a good many cases, the fault lies with the parents. If proper parental influence were used, there would be much less dancing in our town today. If the parents exercised their authority then there would be fewer boys and girls to go wrong in this world.

"And yet, there are some persons who will stick to the theory that there is nothing wrong in dancing. Go to almost any dance and you will find a row of chaperone lined up against the wall. That, for one thing, shows the evil of dancing. If there is nothing wrong about dancing why have the chaperone.

"Another reason for the dance is that some persons try to use it as a method of getting into society. I tell you, however, you can never hope to get into the best society by heel training; it's your brain that counts and what you've got in your brain, and not what you've got in your heels.

"The dance, as all works of the devil, changes in order to keep up interest. I was told by a friend that if I mentioned the tango or the turkey-trot tonight I'd be considered out of date. They do the fox trot, the tickle toe and the cheek-to-heel now. o days. Can you and do you think that there is no danger in your daughter or your sister prancing about on a ball room floor all night long with her cheek laid up against the cheeks of other men?

"The line must be drawn somewhere. You cannot rightfully say that dancing belongs to the church. Therefore, it must be placed outside of the church. The Methodist church does not condole dancing. I will read you statements from Baptist, Presbyterian and Catholic officials which show that their churches also do not countenance the dance of today.

"Is it a sin to dance? Yes, if

In Memory of "Grandma Violet."

Sister Violet Hodges, whose maiden name was Violet Moody; daughter of George and Sallie Moody, and wife of Riley Hodgess, and familiarly known as "Aunt Violet," was born February 11, 1837, and died Nov. 14, 1918, at the age of 81 years, nine months and three days.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Cove Creek Baptist church at about the age of sixteen years. On January 15, '53, and before marriage, then on Dec. 24, '54, she was married to Riley Hodges, and June 15, '55, she was dismissed from Cove Creek; and in May, '56, she joined the Three Forks Baptist church by letter, and remained there until the 2nd Saturday in March, '85, when she joined the Brushy Fork church by letter from Three Forks church, where she remained and lived a most faithful, consecrated christian life, and during her long christian pilgrimage of nearly sixty six years, she honored the profession made in early life, by her close attendance at church, always filling her seat when she could. She was also full of good works, visiting the sick, the distressed and the afflicted, lending a helping hand to the needy. Her christian influence was strongly felt in her faithfulness in rebuking sin in the wayward, and also the gentle admonitions to the sinner to return and be saved. Perhaps a very few, if any, lived a more model christian life than did Aunt Violet Hodges.

For many months before her death she was a great sufferer, which none could have borne but a christian, with such patience and without murmuring. But she's gone on and we will miss her in church, in home and in community. But we thank the Lord for Aunt Violet, for her life and influence, which still lives. May they be the means of leading many friends and relatives to the Savior whom she loved and served so faithfully.

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The above are some of the more important points which Mr. Tuttle brought in his remarks. It was a strong sermon from beginning to end. He went on to show that many persons might not derive evil effects from the dance but that their example induced others to dance and might lead them into evil ways. He quoted the words of Paul: "If eating meat shall cause my brother to offend then will I eat no more meat as long as the world standeth," and urged the same spirit among the people of today. It was not what might be termed a "sensational sermon." Mr. Tuttle don't resort to any Billy Sunday tactics, but he stated his facts in a clear and forceful manner and in such a way that there can be no doubt but that his words made a big impression upon his hearers. Scores of persons in the congregation crowded about the pulpit at the conclusion of the service to personally congratulate him on his sermon.

Germany's Sacrifice To America.

When the German superman went to war with the world and invited the United States to come in by sinking the Lusitania and later by submarine work, he had but little idea that he was giving this Yankee land the greatest impetus it has ever received. But look at some of the figures and then put in half an hour in the job of prophesying.

In 1913—note these figures for they are impressive—the three great exporting nations of the world were Great Britain, Germany and the United States, in the order named, and so close together that the foremost was not ten per cent ahead of the third. The exports were respectively \$2,556,000,000, \$2,403,000,000, \$2,329,000,000, Germany being the middle member and the United States third. They followed each other in the ratio of 23, 24 and 25, which is a mighty close chase.

Germany was growing at an astonishing gait. Her commerce was reaching all over the world. She had a fine commercial navy. Of the foreign commerce that entered and cleared at the United States ports Germany carried almost identically the tonnage that our own ships carried. Germany carried as much of our foreign commerce as we carried. She carried her own commerce and the commerce for other countries that she traded with.

Today Germany has no export trade. She has no ships to carry any that she might build up. She has no foreign relations to supply her with raw material. She has slain her industrial workers. She has an absolute wreck as far as entering the world commercial field again is concerned. Germany has thrown away her place in manufacture and trade. With her are Austria and all Middle Europe, and she has all but slaughtered Belgium, France and the neutral nations. She has thrown to the United States her own export trade, her field of carrying on the seas, and if this country is alert Germany can never recover what she has forced upon us. The United States is the only nation in the world ready to take up the big trade. Germany has thrown away. Great Britain is loaded as heavily as she can carry. It is up to us to build the ships, sail them, supply the world with the goods that Germany has been supplying before the war, and to stand in the first place in the market of the world, far in the lead of everything. Besides that we must take on the commerce and the carrying business of some of those smaller countries that Germany has demolished. Germany has given the United States the greatest commercial lift that any nation ever had. The United States will be the busy sector of the world for years and on the biggest and most active scale—News and Observer.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of R. M. Phillips, dec'd. late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Falls within twelve months from date of publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 22nd of January 1919.

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